

persons who may be now in the possession the bona fide price (where any has been given) which such person may have paid on purchasing any of the said Lands rights or Properties since the Confiscation. And it is agreed that all persons who have any interest in Confiscated Lands either by Deeds Marriage Settlements or otherwise shall meet with no lawful impediment in the prosecution of their just rights.

Article 6th. That there shall be no future Confiscations made nor any Prosecutions commenced against any person or persons for or by reason of the part which he or they may have taken in the present War; and that no person shall on that account suffer any future Loss or Damage either in his person, liberty or Property, and that those who may be in confinement on such charges at the time of the ratification of the Treaty in America, shall be immediately set at liberty, and the Prosecution so commenced be discontinued.

Article 7th. There shall be a firm and perpetual Peace between his Britannic Majesty and the said states, and between the Subjects of the one, and the Citizens of the other, wherefore all Hostilities both by Sea and Land shall from henceforth cease: all Prisoners on both sides shall be set at liberty, and his Britannic Majesty shall with all convenient speed and without causing any Destruction, or carrying away any Negro, or other Property of the American Inhabitants, withdraw all his Armies Garrisons and Fleets from the said United States, and from every Port place and Harbour within the same, leaving in all Fortifications the American Artillery that may be therein, and shall also order and cause all Archives, Records, Deeds and Papers belonging to any of the said states, or their Citizens, which in the course of the War may have fallen into the Hands of his Officers, to be forthwith restored and delivered to the proper States and persons to whom they belong.

Article 8th. The Navigation of the River Mississippi, from its source to the Ocean shall forever remain free and open to the Subjects of Great Britain and the Citizens of the United States.

Article 9th. In case it should so happen that any place or Territory belonging to Great Britain or the United States, should have been conquered by the arms of either from the other before the arrival of the said Provisional Articles in America, it is agreed, that the same shall be restored without difficulty, and without requiring any compensation.

Article 10. The solemn Ratification of the present Treaty, expressed in good and due form, shall be exchanged between the Contracting parties in the space of six months, or sooner if possible, to be computed from the Day of the Signature of the present Treaty. In witness whereof, we the undersigned, their Ministers Plenipotentiary, have in their names, and in Virtue of our full Powers, signed with our Hands the present Definitive Treaty, and caused the Seals of our arms to be affixed thereto.

(L.S.) D. Hartley.

(L.S.) John Adams,  
(L.S.) B. Franklin.  
(L.S.) John Jay.

And Whereas the United States in Congress Assembled, did, on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1784, approve, ratify and confirm the Definitive Articles aforesaid in the words following.

And we the United States in Congress Assembled, having seen and duly considered the Definitive Articles aforesaid, did by a certain Act under the Seal of the United States bearing date this